

CHEERLEADER SELECTION

Each school will take care to have notices posted on several bulletin boards throughout the school at least (2) weeks in advance of any cheerleader selection procedure. This notice must contain all the provisions necessary for a student to follow to become a candidate for cheerleader. This is to assure that any student who wishes to be a cheerleader will have an opportunity to advance his/her candidacy.

Before a student can become a candidate for cheerleader, he/she must meet the following conditions:

1. High School students, 10th, 11th, 12th, to be eligible during any school year must have passed during the preceding year in attendance at least six new full Carnegie units or subjects with a minimum composite numerical average of 70 in those six units or subjects. Four core courses Math, English, Science and Social Studies must be passed in the six courses. A new unit or subject is one that has not been previously passed. Middle school students must pass five Carnegie units with a composite score of 70 to be eligible for cheerleading. Only one unit of physical education per year may be counted. (Section 9, Academic Rule in Alabama High School Athletic Association Handbook, is hereby incorporated herein by reference.)
2. Eligibility for participation will be based on the residency requirements as outlined by the Alabama High School Athletic Association.
3. Must agree to observe all applicable rules of good citizenship and conduct during his/her tenure as a cheerleader.

Those students who have qualified via the above formula will then become candidates and will perform before a well qualified, unbiased panel (minimum of three) selected by the cheerleader sponsor and the principal. This panel along with the

cheerleader sponsor will select from those candidates the number of cheerleaders determined by school. All official tryouts will be closed to the public. A mock tryout will be held before the official tryouts and will be open to the public.

A standardized scoring sheet will be used by the judges and cheerleader sponsor in all cheerleader selections. The judges or cheerleader sponsor will post the results of the tryouts immediately after the judges' sheets are checked and totaled. The decisions of the judges will be final. Judges' sheets will be kept on file for a period of one (1) year to be viewed by participants and/or their parents.

Numbers to determine the order in which candidates will try out will be drawn after the judges are seated and ready for the competition to begin.

The candidates, before and during the selection and the final selected cheerleading squad, will adhere to the rules and regulations of the school and the guidelines as set down by the appropriate state agencies.

